Illegal power connections in the capital

729. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cases of theft of power are mounting in the capital with the connivance of DESU officials;

(b) whether DESU are giving illegal lines in some resettlement colonies and Group Housing Socities in the city;

(c) whether Government propose to check all the high tension wires passing over jhuggi clusters and over the industrial areas to find out the illegal power connections; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Tyres

730. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Tyre Dealers' Federation has urged Government to immediately intervene into the price mechanism of tyres so that the benefits reach the actual users;

(b) whether the tyre manufacturers have again increased the prices of tyres despite directives by Government to the contrary; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what further steps Government propose to take to control the prices on tyres?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, tyre companies have increased the prices of tyres in April this year on account of the increase in the rate of Excise Duty on tyres in the budget of 1990-91. There is no statutory control over the prices of automotives tyres. However, Government have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under O.G.L. at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres. To encourage creation of fresh capacity for the manufacture of automotive tyres and tubes, the industry has been exempted from licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act and the application of Sections 21 and 22 of the MRTP Act. Government have also ensured maximisation of tyre production through continuous monitoring & regular interaction with the Industry. This has led to a substantial increase in production of bus and truck tyres in 1989 viz. 50.9 lakhs as compared to 48.7 lakhs in 1988 and 39.4 lakhs in 1987.

Production of bulk vitamins

731. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1459 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1990 and Unstarred Question 13 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk vitamins being produced in the country and what are the names of producers of each;

(b) what was the production of each during the last three years ending 31st March, 1990; and

(c) what was the price of each before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the price as on the 25th April 1990?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Details